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Gadget Walls Save Space Without Losing Room Area

Gadget walls — more than mere architectural baubles — are finding their rightful niche in today's compact home interiors.

In many of the modern smaller homes, storage space is at a premium. It is difficult to break up different areas of work and play without reducing each room area to the dimensions of a closet. Some of the rooms are box-like without any finishing touches to give

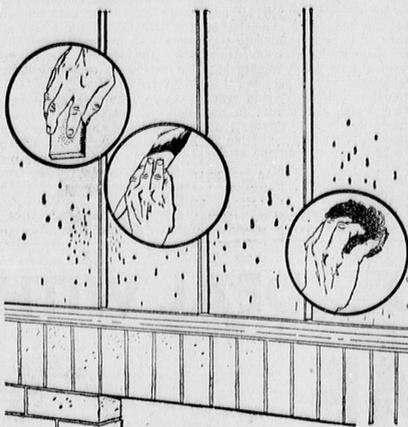
them a look of individuality. Here's where the gadget walls come in.

To separate dining from living areas, home owners have found that a wall suggestion, such as simple, wide-spaced louvers of west coast hemlock give a spacious airy look while marking the areas of use. To separate dining from kitchen, the peninsula with built-in storage for dishes and linen, will double as a snack bar.

These storage peninsulas can be put to use in almost any part of the house. They are easily adaptable to any size area if constructed of versatile Douglas fir, western red cedar or west coast hemlock.

Cleverly designed shelving around the fireplace, finished in a natural wood or painted, will dress up a stark wall, and finish a display rack for cherished art objects, plants or books.

The family room is a veritable paradise for these handy installations. Locked gun cabinet, audio wall for television and hi-fidelity equipment, and one wall can become a neat sewing cabinet for mother, with place for patterns, dress form, sewing machine and pull down cutting table. When not in use, the entire unit can be folded away.



Seven Steps to a Perfect Wall

Your walls can have a finish as grand as the finest furniture. It just takes work and a little elbow grease. Here are recommended steps for walls of Douglas Fir or west coast hemlock panel boards: (1) sand lumber smooth with 4-0 sandpaper, (2) brush on clear shellac, (3) putty small defects using head of nail to hold putty for oils of putty may stain the wood, (4) sand lightly with 6-0 paper after shellac is thoroughly dry, (5) shellac again, (6) let dry, then use w/500 paper and (7) rub with 4-0 steel wool for deep, dull finish.

"Garden Chats," Sunday, April 10, 12:30 p. m., KTLA, Channel 5.

Joe will show viewers how to cut iris and have them last for indoor table decorations... the pruning and planting of azaleas... and the planting of begonias for lots of color in the garden.

Modern Home Design Uses More Wood

Home builders have a warning from one of the nation's leading architects to avoid monotony of sameness in their new homes as the nation faces up to the task of building over a million new dwellings each year in the future.

It is easy to avoid row-house weariness, Ralph Walker, prominent New York architect, recently told a Washington audience. All over the nation designers are showing the stuff American ingenuity and imagination is made of as they adapt wood — the world's oldest building material — to modern needs.

Saying there will always be a "coming age of wood" Architect Walker pointed out that wood is being used, not alone for its efficiency, but more because of the lasting delights

Kitchen Can Be Cured of Hospital Air

Tired of that hospital look about your kitchen? Of the endless expanses of white porcelain? Then you have plenty of sympathizers, and as usual, some enterprising women are doing something about it.

Many women are finding welcome relief from this white sameness and sterility by building or rebuilding their entire kitchens in wood.

They find that wood offers some challenge to the imagination and gives them a wide variety of choice in color selection. Wood takes paint with readiness, and what woman doesn't like to dabble in the new and interesting colors. Wood can be stained, antiqued or finished clear to retain its warmth, natural color and texture.

Two of the most popular woods now being used in kitchens are Douglas fir and west coast hemlock. These two woods are versatile and durable, and they take any imaginable finish. They are warm to touch and sight and will wear a lifetime. One thing about well-finished wood in the kitchen is the ease of upkeep. A wax finish on walls needs only a soft cloth to keep in perfect shape.

Lumber leaders echo Walker's enthusiasm for wood by pointing out the great renaissance in wood in modern American home design.

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